

## DECISION MEMORANDUM

**TO: COMMISSIONER KJELLANDER  
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**DATE: JANUARY 28, 2021**

**SUBJECT: IN THE MATTER OF CABLE ONE VOIP LLC'S APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER IN IDAHO TO RECEIVE RURAL DIGITAL OPPORTUNITY FUND (AUCTION 904) SUPPORT FOR VOICE AND BROADBAND SERVICES AND TO RECEIVE FEDERAL LIFELINE SUPPORT; CASE NO. CAB-T-21-01.**

On January 8, 2021, Cable One VoIP LLC (“Company”) applied for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (“ETC”) in Idaho.

### THE APPLICATION

The Company’s parent company, Cable One, Inc. was part of a consortium that was a winning bidder in the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (“RDOF”) auction to provide voice and broadband services in select census blocks in numerous states, including Idaho. Application at 4. The Company states that the consortium assigned Cable One, Inc. the RDOF support for winning bids in the state of Idaho, and the Company will ultimately be responsible for fulfilling “the public interest obligations associated with receiving RDOF support for Idaho.” *Id.* The Company seeks ETC designation from the Commission for the census blocks where it will receive RDOF support. *Id.* at 2, Exhibit 1. Additionally, the Company seeks “Lifeline-only ETC designation in areas not eligible for high-cost support for the limited purpose of becoming eligible to receive Lifeline support....” *Id.* The Company asserts it meets all federal and state requirements for designation as an ETC, and argues that designating the Company as an ETC is in the public interest. Application at 5-15. The Company asks that the Commission grant it ETC status prior to June 7, 2021. *Id.* at 3.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the Commission issue a Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure, setting a March 25, 2021 comment deadline and an April 8, 2021 reply comment deadline.

**COMMISSION DECISION**

Does the Commission wish to issue a Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure, setting a March 25, 2021 comment deadline and an April 8, 2021 reply comment deadline?



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